Department of Corrections ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN

Subject: BATON AND FIREARMS RECERTIFICATION FOR CAPTAINS

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The purpose of this Administrative Bulletin (AB) is to revise the Department Operations Manual (DOM) Sections 32010.19.3 and 32010.19.4. These sections require uniformed Captains, Facility and Correctional, to annually qualify with side-handle batons and firearms.

Background

During the normal course of a Correctional Captain and/or a Facility Captain's duty, there is a minimal likelihood that he/she will be required to utilize a side-handle baton or a firearm. When an incident does occur, a Captain's duty is to manage the situation, not to become physically involved.

Revised Policy

Captains, Facility and Correctional, uniformed and nonuniformed, shall not be required to annually qualify with side-handle batons and firearms unless the specific duties of their assignment require the use of a baton or firearm. Captains shall be included in Group II as defined in DOM Section 32010.19.3 and shall receive the required Group II training as defined in DOM Section 32010.19.4.

Nothing in this AB shall prevent a Captain from qualifying with batons and/or firearms if they choose to do so. If the specific duties of their assignment require a baton or firearm, Captains shall qualify according to policy.

Please ensure all persons concerned are informed of the contents of this AB, which shall remain in effect until incorporated into DOM Sections 32010.19.3 and 32010.19.4. If you have any inquiries regarding this AB, please contact S. E. Facciola, Chief, Emergency Operations Unit, at (916) 324-8995.

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